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MR, MORGAN ON CUBA

He Declares That Congress Should at Once Act.

BUSINESS IN THE SENATE

The Elli Pensioning Nancy Allabach Passed Over the President's Veto-A Prayer by lalmage.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- Rev. T. De-Witt Talmage delivered the prayer in the senate to-day. Frye occupied the chair.

Hale of Maine reported the pension appropriation bill without amendments and gave notice he would call it up to-

morrow. The house concurrent reso-lution for the holiday adjournment Dec. 22 to Jan. 5 was agreed to. Morgan of Alabama presented the credentials of Edmund Winston Pettus as senator from Alabama for the term beginning March 4, next. Allen of Nebraska offered a resolu-tion for a committee of nine senators

"on the use of money in elections."
The resolution directs the committee to thoroughly investigate the extent to which money was used in connection with the recent presidential election, either in promoting nominations or influencing the choice of presidential electors, and inquire whether any such expenditures were excessive, illegitimate, corrupt or unlawful, especially to inquire and ascertain to what extent for such purposes the owners of silver mines, gold mines, bankers, manufacturers, railroads or other corporations and millionaires of all classes made contributions and if any contributions were made by any or corporations residing persons

The resolution empowers the proposed committee to send for persons and papers and direct a report by the first Monday of December, 1897. Allen sent to the clerk's deak and had read several newspaper elippings containing charges of irregularity in connection with the recent election. The resolution was referred to the committee on contingent expenses, Allen remarking that he earnestly desired a speedy re-

The bill validating some New Mexican bonds was passed and now goes

to the president. Mr. Morgan then took the floor and made a pro-Cuban speech. He said:
"I will confine my remarks to comments upon facts stated in the recent annual messages of the president and the secretary of state. I am not able to discover that the president made any specific recommendations or indications as to any action he deems it proper or expedient for congress to take with reference to Spain or Cuba; nor that he had indicated any course, except a still, patient waiting that the executive proposes to make. Congress, left to its own initiative, must assume the responsibility on a matter of most serious gravity. Congress must give to the statements of the president un-hesitating acceptance, as to matters that were committed by the explana-tion to his special charges. When he undertakes to state the facts that affect our relations with other powers, we must accept these facts unless the

disproof is overpowering.
"This message therefore is of the most importance as a statement of the leading facts and conclusions that bear upon our duties in respect to the conflict of arms which has raged for over two years on the island of Cuba, and it has the support of nearly all Americans. I have not heard that Spain controverts any statement of the president in his messsage. The evidence that comes from private sources rela-tive to the condition or Cuba and the horrors of persecution, rapine and extermination visited upon the people of Cuba, admits of no doubt as to its credibility. Yet it presents pictures so incredioly inhuman and so disgraceful to the civilization of this age that it stunts the mind into the belief that

such things can be true.' As Mr. Morgan proceeded the galler-ies filled and his words were followed with close attention by the senators and the large number of spectators. Mr. Morgan went on to speak of the trying situation which required prompt action to save thousands of innocent people from cruel and deliberate butenery. The wholesale massacres by the Spanish were no surprise to the senator. "If war with the United States is necessary to reconcile Spanish people to the loss of Cuba by foreign conquest," said Mr. Morgan, "we shall be compelled to meet that emergency. If the destruction of Cuba is enough to satisfy the popular sentiment of revenge, we can avoid a war with Spain by remaining inactive or slaughtered along with the Cubans. we mean to take any action towards stopping this war, or annihilation and extermination, we have no time to lose.

Mr. Morgan spoke of the resolution of congress at the last session, which, he said, gave to the president the choice of concurring with the policy of congress or delaying. The president chose delay. The war has continued, said Mr. Morgan, until it has reached the final and desperate stage of a war of devastation and extermination, with the people of Cuba as a prey to those who have set aside the usual honor-able usages of warfare and have become robbers, cutthroats, assassins,

ravishers and pirates.
"If we are forced to war to put an end to this saturnalia of blood and fire congress will have reason to regret the inaction of the president. A firm dec-laration that the conflict in Cuba had reached the stage of open, public war, would have admonished Spain that the United States at least would hold her

accountable for the observance of the rules of civilized warfare." The senator spoke bitterly of the in-terference of the supposed business interesis to prevent that government from ending the "horrid and brutal purpose of infuriated men." Mr. Morgan spoke of the necessity of protecting our citizens abroad. Referring to Turkey, he expressed the hope that the policy of this government would not be relaxed and that we would not much longer hear of these Turkish offenses against humanity. The senator asserted that our people in Cuba have rights under the laws of nations which the courts of all nations will enforce in spite of opposition, even if the presi-dent of the United States should opposthem. He should give these lays full force and effect. Our people are not said Mr. Morgan, these wrongs within earshot of our toria.

proofs to be brought before Spain in the "endless palayer of diplomatic cor-respondence." While we know that wrongs have been done to our people and other wrongs are threatened, our government is in the most humiliating state of innocuous desuetude if it interposes no helping hand to the sufferers. and refuses to forbid the further de-vastation and death that a cruel government is now inflicting upon them. The senator said he foresaw that the time was near at hand when the final stand of the United States must be

frontier and to pile up petitions and

taken. It was foreshadowed by the message and the moment might come at any time that the president would take a definite and final stand. When this came, the senator would follow the colors of the president, and if it meant war, would any American hesitate to respond? There was no alter-native between further humiliating de-

lay or of intervention. In conclusion, Mr. Morgan sald: "In this condition of affairs, to establish permanent peace in Cuba and permit security for our own people while the Spanish monarchy is dominant in that island, we have no alternative left us but the single choice between the con-tinuous repetition of the evils portrayed in the message of the president or a base, humiliating and cruel delay on our part, while rapine and destruction are rampant in Cuba in the hope that some fortunate event may relieve us from a duty that we owe to humanity, to Christian civiliation, to the spirit and traditions of our country, our peo-ple and to the lives and libertles of our people in Cuba who are now held by the cruel power of Spain. I go not upon any authority for what I have said beyond the president's message and the report of the secretary of state. That is facts are incontroverti-ble, and our duty is plain. If we fail to act upon them, we take the responsi-bility of a delay to perform a plain duty

at the expense of our people whose lives are in constant peril."

At the close of Mr. Morgan's speech he asked for the adeption of the resolution presented yesterday requesting the secretary of state for the papers in the Competitor case and in other processing the state of the papers in the competitor case and in other papers in the competitor case and in other papers. es involving the arrest of American citizens by the Spanish authorities. The resolution was agreed to without

After Senator Morgan's speech the senate took up the bill pensioning Nancy Allabach, which had been vetoed by the president. Mr. Palmer, in charge of the bill, favored a suggestion of Mr. Cockrell, that there was a move to override the president, that the duty of a senator was to act ac-cording to his information despite the position of the president. While he had the utmost respect for the presi-dent, he was not willing that a precedent should be established in which the president should prescribe the rate at which pensions should be established. Mr. Palmer thought the president had acted under a misapprehension in vetoing the bill.

After a roll call to determine the presence of a quorum, which demonstrated that there were 57 senators present, the vote was taken, resulting 41 yeas to 11 nays, after which the chair announced that the bill was passed notwithstanding the president's objection. The negative votes were cast by Messrs. Bate, Berry, Blanch-ard, Chilton, Faulkner, Harris, Mills, Morgan, Pasco, Vest and Walthall. On motion of Mr. Vest the senate went into executive session ,and at 3 o'clock

SECOND-CLASS MAIL.

The Bill Discussed and It Will Probably Pass the House.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The house today entered upon the consideration of the Loud bill to amend the law relating to the transmission of secondclass mail matter. The bill has been widely discussed in the public press and has met with the most intense opposition from certain quarters. It denies the serial novels to admission to the mails at the newspaper rate of 1 cent per pound; denies the newspapers the sample copy privilege, prohibits the return of unsold publications at the pound rates and makes some other changes in the present law designed to correct existing abuses. A change in this second-class mail matter law has been repeatedly urged by successive postmaster generals. It is estimated postmaster generals. It is estimated that the abuses of the law had cost the government \$24,000,000 in the last ten years. Mr. Loud, the author of the measure, brought it forward to-day quite unexpectedly to a majority of the members of the house. The oppo-sition led by Mr. Quigg of New York inaugurated a fillibuster and attempted to prevent its consideration by journing, but the house stood behind Mr. Loud in two votes, defeating the opposition. The opposition, however, are hopeful of defeating the measure when it is put on its final passage.

Mr. Loud made an opening speech on the measure, during which he declared that the bill would save the govern-ment \$20,000,000 annually. Before this bill was brought up a bill to reorganize the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad company was called up and passed, with some amendments, after an hour's debate. The bill, as passed, gives to the purchasers under foreclosure sale all the rights of the old company under its government charter; but it provides that it shall assume all the debts and obligations of the old company and that the lands unearned July 6, 1886, along the then uncompleted portions of the road shall, as a condition precedent to reorganization, be relinquished in

writing by the purchasers.

Mr. McRae attacked the bill on the ground that it did not sufficiently pro-tect the interests of the government and the creditors of the company. Mr Prince of Illinois proposed an amendment providing that, as a condition precedent to the reorganization of the road, the purchasers should, in writing, relinquish all claim to land granted by the government adjacent to those tions of the road uncompleted July 6 1886. Mr. Powers said a suit was pending for the forfeiture of those lands and this amendment would be practically blackmail. The amendment was

Francisco, was to-day declared of un-

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aggestions in Regard to the Reclamation of Arid Lands.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Comprehensive Report of E. R. Moses, Chairman of the Executive Committee at the Meeting in Fhoenix.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 15.-At to-day's session of the national irrigation congress, E. R. Moses, chairman of the executive committee, submitted his annual report. The chairman says in

"History will record this year as disastrous to individuals, corporations and to the nation. Perhaps no enterprise suffered more disastrously in every way during this time than irrigation. The work of your executive committee laid out for the year was not fully accomplished, nor is it as satisfactory to them as it would have been if they had not been handicapped in many ways in its advancement.

"We commenced work upon congress by assisting others in obtaining an appropriation for hydrographic surveys for determining the water supply. We obtained from senators the different bills introduced in the Fifty-fourth congress in the interest of irrigation and found that 27 had been presented. Some were concurrent and local. Sevetal were for ceding the arid lands to far as to prevent a confirmation. the states and territories. Others for surveys and determining the water supply, several for building storage reservoirs and one for an irrigation committee mission. We have worked upon congress all we could; we turned our attention to this coming irrigation congress and determined to make it the best representative one ever held, so that no question would arise as to its rights in passing upon bills in the interest of arid and semi-arid America. "Thousands of letters and invitations

and circulars and pamphlets and cir-culars were sent out advertising this meeting. There are many who assist-ed in this work outside of your com-mittee and gave very valuable services. First among the auxiliary forces is the press. These articles came principally from the gentlemen who will take part in the proceedings of this congress, and who, through our importuning, consented to help the cause along. The railroads have shown no lack of interest in this work. The least interested in this work are the water and land companies, emigrant and provi-dent associations. What should the congress do? To-day the country gen-erally is demanding something feasi-ble, practicable and tangible. We cannot at first expect what we do will be perfect. Time and experience will reyeal the imperfections and give us am-

ple opportunity to correct them."

The chairman then details at length the work done by the various irrigation congresses held in the past and continues: "We are satisfied that we continues: "We are satisfied that we never will be prepared to secure the definite outline in full detail of such rational legislation as will ultimately be secured. At best, we can only start in an imperfect way. A bill upon any principal subject connected with the work of this congress and presented for consideration will require close scrutiny and passed, if passed at all, with amendments, and then when it leaves this body for one of final adjudication it will be torn to pieces again, so that may know that nothing starts in a perfect state, but it may ultimately ap-

proach to it through practice and ex-'We trust that you will not think it presumptuous in us if we present for your consideration some things that have been evolved from these congresses, but have remained dormant and inactive. First, we would consider it good policy and wise judgment if this congress should pass upon a bill or bills creating a national irrigation commission. Also a national forestry commission. It would be better to have them separate and apart, but if we could not get the one without the other and congress would be opposed to creating two commissions, but might one if coupled together, and the friends of both working for it, of course, it would be wise for us to accept it in this shape. It might be well to state in the irrigation commission bill that it created for the purpose of the examiration, conservation and utilization of the waters and lands in arid and semiarid America. The duty of this irriga-tion commission would be to look after irrigation in its every shape and form, in every state and territory in the union, to take charge of all irrigation works and property and report directly to congress or to the interior or agricultural department the progress of irrigation and make such suggestions as will be for its further advancement, until every irrigable arid acre dued and the unemployed and homeless

find peace and plenty upon them.

"The personnel of this commission should be composed of men of experi-ence in the work, men of individuality, who will press forward the work to a speedy conclusion without fear or faor. If we can accomplish this we will have an advocate at Washington for all the other intricate, abstract and difficult problems that are now agitating the public mind in the congress of rrigation. It is unnecessary for me to comment upon the forestry commission. Its necessity is as important to country as the forests, for without the former we will soon save none of the latter. The many subjects aris-ing in the interest of irrigation make it difficult to decide upon what one or ones should be considered first."

The committee recommended action epon the following subjects in the form of bills for presentation to congress at Washington: Arid land policy, inter-state streams, international streams the reclamation of arid and semi-arid lands, pastoral lands, irrigation surveys and appropriations for irrigation.

bman, but had drawn a revolver from s pocket because he feared he was going be robbed.

I had much money and a watch of gold," be added, "and I feared I was to be robbed."

"Were you not a prisoner in Russia?" asked the prosecuting attorney. "Yes, sir," replied the count. "Then," said the prosecutor, "I submit

that this man's word cannot be taken against the cabman, who testified that the count drew a pistol on him in the Teloin district. This man confesses This man confesses Le is afraid to go back to his country.

The count fled from Russia for political reasons. I think his word is as good as the cabman's. I shall end this case and

recommend an acquittal."

The count left the stand and in a few minutes the judge returned a verdict of

NOT WITH A RUSH.

"not guilty.

The Nomination of Francis as Secretary Is Not Confirmed Yet.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The nomination of Secretary Francis as the head of the interior department was referred to the finance committee in accordance with the astom of the senate. Nominations of the president for cabinet positions are usual ly confirmed very promptly. The nomination of Mr. Francis was sent to the sen ate a week ago and to-day was the first meeting of the finance committee since the nomination was sent in Secretary Francis will not be confirmed until after the senatorial election in Missouri. It is understood that Benntor Vest, member of I that the termed, can be traced to the recent elec-tion, in which Mr. Francis supported the gold democrat candidate. Considerable feeling has been engendered, but it is said that the opposition will not be carried so

SALVINI.

The Renowned Actor Died Yesterday in

His Native Land. Florence, Italy, Dec. 15.—Alexander Sat-viat died here to-day of intestinal takerlosis. The newspapers publish culogistic chituaries of the deceased actor. Alexder Salvini was born in Rome Dec. 21, CI. He was the son of the Italian trage dian, Tomasso Salvini, and went to school in Naples, Florence and Genon. His first appearance on the stage in the United States was at the Union Square theater in New York in Clara Morris' company, and he afterwards spent two seasons with Margaret Mather, playing Remeo, Orlando, Rudolph in "Leah" and Clifford in "The Hunchback."

DOWN WITH A CRASH. The Storm Demelishes the Atlantic City

Casino and Other Buildings. Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 15.-A heavy wind and rain storm is raging along the coast at this point. To-day the large Casino building, where the Elks disaster happened two years ago collapsed with a crash, carrying with it an untenanted cottage next door. The storm reached such a height tonight that Local Observer Brand received instructions from Washington to warn mariners not to leave port, as there is a storm of hurricane force on the way. Special instructions were also issued to the crews of the life-saving stations along the coast.

PAT COUGHLIN EXECUTED IN SAGE HOLLOW.

He Stole Strawberries and Rather Than Surrender He Killed Two Officers.

Salt Lake, Dec. 15 .- Patrick Coughlin was executed to-day in Sage Hollow, Rich county, Utah, 25 miles north Echo for killing Deputy . Sheriff Thomas Stagg of Echo, Utah, and E. A. Dawes of Evanston, Wyo., the 39th of July of last year. He was shot to death by Deputy Under Sheriff Dick-

Coughlin was cheerful to the last. Before starting to the place of execu-tion he said to Sheriff Dickson: "You never killed a gamer man in your life than you will kill to-day." A tent had been pitched in a lonely place in Sag-Hollow and holes cut in the tent, through which the fatal shots were fired. The executioners were not exposed to public view. The chair in which the doomed man sat was 30 feet from the tent. Life was extinct within three minutes after the shots were

The crime for which Coughlin paid the penalty of death had its origin in Park City, where, in company with Frederick George, the two men stole a few boxes of strawberries and then stole horses on which they were mak-ing their escape. They were pursued ing their escape. They were p and overtaken in Rich county. they took refuge in a cabin. Rather than surrender, they fired from the cabin and killed Officers Stagg and Dawes. After an exciting chase for five days, in which the officers of half a dozen counties took part, the men were finally captured in Toole county. They were tried and convicted of mur-der. George was sentenced to a life term in the penitentlary.

For the Purchase of Bonds.

Washington, Dec. 15.-The secretary treasury to-day announced that sealed proposals for the purchase of \$2,880,000 first mertgage bonds of the Central Pacific, Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific railroads, constituting a part of the sinking fund of the Cen tral Pacific railroad, will be received at the treasury department, office of the secretary, until 12 o'clock p. m. on the 21st day of December, 1896. The bonds will be sold with all interest acrued and unpaid thereon.

Mrs. Courtney Insane.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Isabelle
Cutting Courtney, daughter of Francis
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The Insurgents Are Credited With Several Important Victories.

GOMEZ HEADED FOR HAVANA

A Large Expedition From Honduras Landed on the bouth side-As to Americans Enlisting.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15 .- A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West, Fla., says: Fighting is reported west of the trocha in Pinar dei Rio section, where the insurgents, under Macco's successor, General Ruis Rivera, has taken the fletd against the Spanish forces left there by General Weyler. No details have been received yet, but 50 wounded soldiers came in yesterday from the neighborhood of Artemesia. It is stated in Havana that General Weyler has called in some of the troops now stationed outside of the city, fearing an attack by General Gomez, who is reported as coming eastward with a large force, well armed and provisioned. The insurgents have already ocupied several small towns held by the Spaniards in the eastern part of the province of Ha-

Two train loads of provisiors and arms were captured by the insurgents on the Matangas railway Saturady and Sunday slight loss, It is reported that an expedition from Honduras landed on the south side of the island Saturday with large supplies of ammunition and arms and that the cargo was safely delivinto the possession of General Rivera. delivered

V.OLATING THE LAW. Men Who Enlist to Go to Cuba Are

Taking Big Chances. Washington, Dec. 15.-The attention of officials here has been attracted by the stories coming from all portions of the country indicating that enlistments are going on of parties of men to go to Cuba to join the insurgents. These en-listments are in direct violation of the neutrality laws and are prohibited un-der severe penalties. For accepting a commission to serve against Spain, a country with which the United States is now at peace, the penalty prescribed by section 5281, revised statutes, is \$2,000 and three years' imprisonment, while for enlisting to serve against Spain or hiring any one to enlist, the penalty is \$1,000 fine and three years' imprisonment.

Auxious to Go to Cuba.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Already more than 300 Cuban recruits have been enrolled in this city and Colonel D. S. Harriman, head of the local movement, stated to-day that there are as many more in Kansas City and vicinity ready and willing to go to the front. The enrollment is going on in Harriman's office, and no secrecy of the purpose of the movement is made,

ON THE TRACK.

At San Francisco. San Francisco, Dec. 15.-Five and a half furlongs, maiden 3-year-olds-Noncha-lence won, Sly second, Manzanillo third; time, 1:12. One mile-Poller won, Earl Cochran second, Laflecha third; time, 1:47. Six furiongs—Personne won, Scorcher second, D. J. Tobin third; time, 1:19. wen. Reddington second, Tempestious third; time, 1:23½. Seven furlongs—Alva-rado won, Kamsin second, Jack Richelieu third; time, 1:31%.

At New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.-Six furlones-Bryan won, Senator Morrill second, Whiff third; time, 1:15%. Five furlongs—Pat Morrissey won, Tern second, Tempest third; time, 1:95%. Seven furlongs—Nico-lini won, Little Billy second, Catherine third; time, 1:30%, Five furlongs-Hill Bit-ly won, Miss Verne second, Plaudit third; time, 1:63%. Handicap, mile and a six-teenth, over four hurdies-Uncle Jim won, Hurlbert second, Mr. Dunlap third; time, 2.63%. Seven furlongs-Timberland Petrol second, Chicot third; time, 1:30%.

The Dupont Trophy Winner.

Chicago, Dec. 15.-John Winston wrested the Dupont trophy, emblemat-ic of the live bird championship of America, from George E. Roll of Blue Island, Ill., in the match held at Wat-son's park. Each man shot at 100 birds, Winston having a total of 91, leading Roll, whose score was \$4, by seven birds.

Dempsey Defeats Hall.

Crippie Creek, Col. Dec. 15.—A fight between George Hall of Pueblo and Jack Dempsey of Cripple Creek, lightweights, for the championship of Colorado, occurred to-night at the Butte opera house. Dempsey won in the sixth round.

New York Not in Doubt.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15.-The state board of canvassers has completed the canvass of the votes cast in New York at the revote was as follows : McKinley, 819,838; Pryan, 551,309; Palmer, 19,285; socialist, 17,677; prohibition, 16,682; blank, defective and scattering, 122,680. McKinley over Bryan, 268,469; McKinley over all others, 215,455.

Wool Growers to Meet To-Day.

Washington, Dec. 15.-Members of Wool association are to hold a meeting here beginning to-mor-row to consider legislative matters pertaining to the interests of the wool growers.

Cleveland Shoots Ducks.

Georgetown, S. C. Dec. 15.—The presidential party enjoyed splendid sport off South island to-day the number of ducks bagged being about 90.

Mil s Shut Down.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Allen to-day introduced a bill appropriating a million deliars for the survey of the

Extravagant Operatic Salaries.

The demonstration of managerial failures emphasizes the fact, recognized by men who have given the subject considmust either accept a true valuation and